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FROM LINCOLN

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational  
SPECIFIC Briefing

Attached herewith are two copies of a briefing.

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Attachments

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25 May 1954

MEMO TO: C/P and C/R/O Support

SUBJECT : Briefing of [ ] alias  
Victor Varela (31)

I. MISSION

- A. R/O will proceed to Quezaltenango in order to furnish a clandestine radio communications link between the net in that area, the consejo and F.C.P.
- B. Time table:
  - a. R/O will depart Tegucigalpa for Quezaltenango via Salvador approximately 15/19 May.
  - b. Radio gear will be sent from Tegucigalpa to Guatemala City by [ ] and delivered to [ ] who will send gear to Quezaltenango.
- C.
  - a. Operator was briefed thoroughly ref. survey of his home surroundings for securest arrangements for "black living." He was instructed to prepare separate storage spots for radio and signal plan material. He was instructed to put out a member of his family as a look-out, in case he was interrupted while working in order to give him enough time to hide material and implement his evasion and escape plan if necessary. He was briefed thoroughly on this matter and instructed to save survival kit only for such emergency. Upon receipt of radio, operator will make his initial contact with the base station. Radio gear will be passed to him by a courier from [ ] in Guatemala City. Probable man who will receive and deliver radio is operator's father, [ ]
  - b. A contact plan has been arranged in case it is necessary to use it to pass the radio. The operator will use his sister, [ ], as his cutout. Details of contact plan will be discussed under Section III.
  - c. Operator was again briefed and cautioned on the strict need for radio discipline.

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- D. **Special indicator:** Operator was told that if at some-time he received a phrase which he could not understand for him not to worry about it but to pass it immediately together with the time received to his contact.
4. Operator was briefed he was not to expose himself on D-Day but was to remain black for at least 30 days in case there was a counter-revolution and we would lose Quezaltenango. If this situation did come about, we would still have a means of communications. D / 30, maybe sooner he would be contacted and instructed to implement his disposal plan. He would then turn in his radio gear to a specified person at a certain place.

## II. COVER/CONCEALMENT/COMPARTMENTATION

### A. Cover

Agent will travel and live black. If he is picked up on some routine check he will use his natural cover as a student. Operator has his necessary Guatemalan documentation to cover a routine check.

### B. Concealment

- a. The agent will live and confine himself to his parents' home at [ ] Quezaltenango.
- b. No contact will be made with the operator at his home. Contact will be only through his sister. His father can also be used as an alternate.

Operator's home is big, therefore, there is no problem in selecting the necessary sites for transmitting and concealment of gear. He will arrange his parents' radio antenna to fit his need.

- c. Operator will arrange through his cutout for an alternate site if it becomes necessary for him to move.

### C. Compartmentation

- a. Operator was briefed thoroughly on need for compartmentation and fact that this was main key to his personal security. Keep everything on a strictly need-to-know basis. He will not divulge to anybody he is a radio operator.

## III. COMMUNICATIONS GENERAL

- A. A regular, alternate and emergency contact plan was set up for himself and the net.

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- a. Regular: personal contact by his sister. An original contact point was agreed upon. It is the right column (pillar) in front of the Teatro Municipal in Quezaltenango. His sister passes this point on her way to and from school every day. She will be instructed by the operator to watch for a vertical chalk mark 12" long on this column. When she sees it she will place a horizontal mark at the time she will return each day until the contact is made. Each 1", representing two hours on the vertical line. At the selected hour when she returns she will watch for her contact to put another horizontal line through the vertical one. She will do the same. After they know who each other are, the contact will identify himself with a torn Quetzal note for which she will have the other half.
- b. Alternate: A dead drop will be selected, also a place where a signal can be marked for the deposit and receipt of the drop. When a message is deposited in the dead drop a circle will be marked at the selected sight - when it's picked up an "x" will be marked in the circle.
- c. Emergency: The front of the theater is always used as an emergency contact point.
- d. If a special courier is necessary at any time, a member of this family or a friend will be selected for the courier job.

#### IV. SECURITY

- A. The R/O was told to instruct his family in regards to security, especially his cutout and give her full instructions on contact plans.
- B. The importance of his mission was pointed out to him and the performance of it could weigh heavily in the salvation of his country.
- C. The money part of the motivation was not mentioned to him. He was promised he would be given the necessary support for the accomplishment of his mission.

Note: Feel money motivation should be covered only when absolutely necessary.

- D. The R/O fully understood his external and internal control signals and had no questions on radio procedure.

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V. SUPPORT

- A. He will be given only sufficient funds for the trip. After he is settled, funds will be passed through his cutout.
- B. Survival kit will be passed to him together with his radio.

VI. TRAVEL

- A. The R/O will depart Tegucigalpa on or about 18 May and will travel to Guatemala via El Salvador. The R/O will be given final travel instructions in Salvador and sent by an established route.

VII. DISASTER PLAN

- A. The R/O has been given a postal box number in Honduras for him to send a letter signed Victor Varela in case he loses contact. A courier will then be sent to him at a place he will select upon his return and inform us about, probably some finca outside of Quezaltenango. The R/O was given half of a second Quetzal note for the identification of this contact.

VIII. DISPOSAL PLAN

- A. D / 30 a person will contact him and tell him where and when to take his gear to a selected place.

- IX. The R/O was given the opportunity to ask any questions he might have, including signal plan, etc. He was satisfied on all points.

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